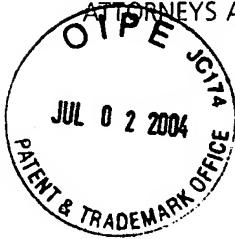




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Art Unit 2873

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/812,978; Filed: March 31, 2004
For: **Illumination System and Method Allowing for Varying of Both Field Height and Pupil**
Inventors: Coston *et al.*
Our Ref: 1857.0700003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition to Preserve Original Filing Date;
2. Copy of Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application;
3. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
4. 2 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 4c and 4d);
5. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
6. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038); and
7. One (1) return postcard.

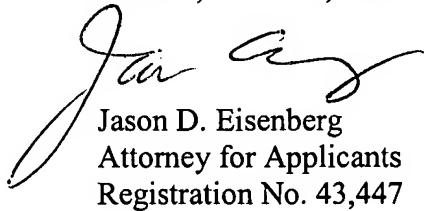
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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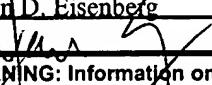
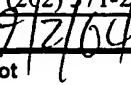
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Application No.: 10/812,978

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: **Illumination System and Method
Allowing for Varying of Both Field
Height and Pupil**

Confirmation No.: 5969

Art Unit: 2873

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 1857.0700003

Petition to Preserve Original Filing Date

Attn: Mail Stop Petitions

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to preserve the original filing date of the above-mentioned patent application. A Notice of Omitted Items in a Non-Provisional Application asserted that FIGS. 4c and 4d were missing from the filing of March 31, 2004. However, pursuant to Box 18 of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal dated March 31, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner determine that there were no omitted items. This is because, in relevant part, Box 18 states:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied on when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

Therefore, because Applicants inadvertently did not file the above noted papers, which are present in the parent application, the papers should not be considered omitted.

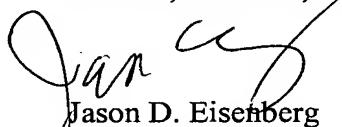
Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings attaching formal drawings for FIGS. 4c and 4d.

This request is accompanied by a processing fee of \$130.00 for the petition, as set forth under 37C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 4c,4d described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must be filed within TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must be filed within TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

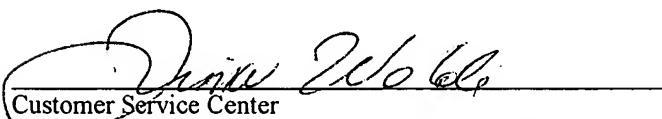
III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the

references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes . Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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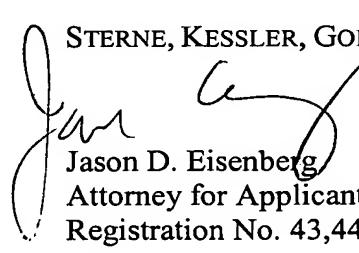
Sir:

Submitted herewith are two (2) sheets of formal drawings with Figure(s) 4c and 4d. Identification of the drawing(s) is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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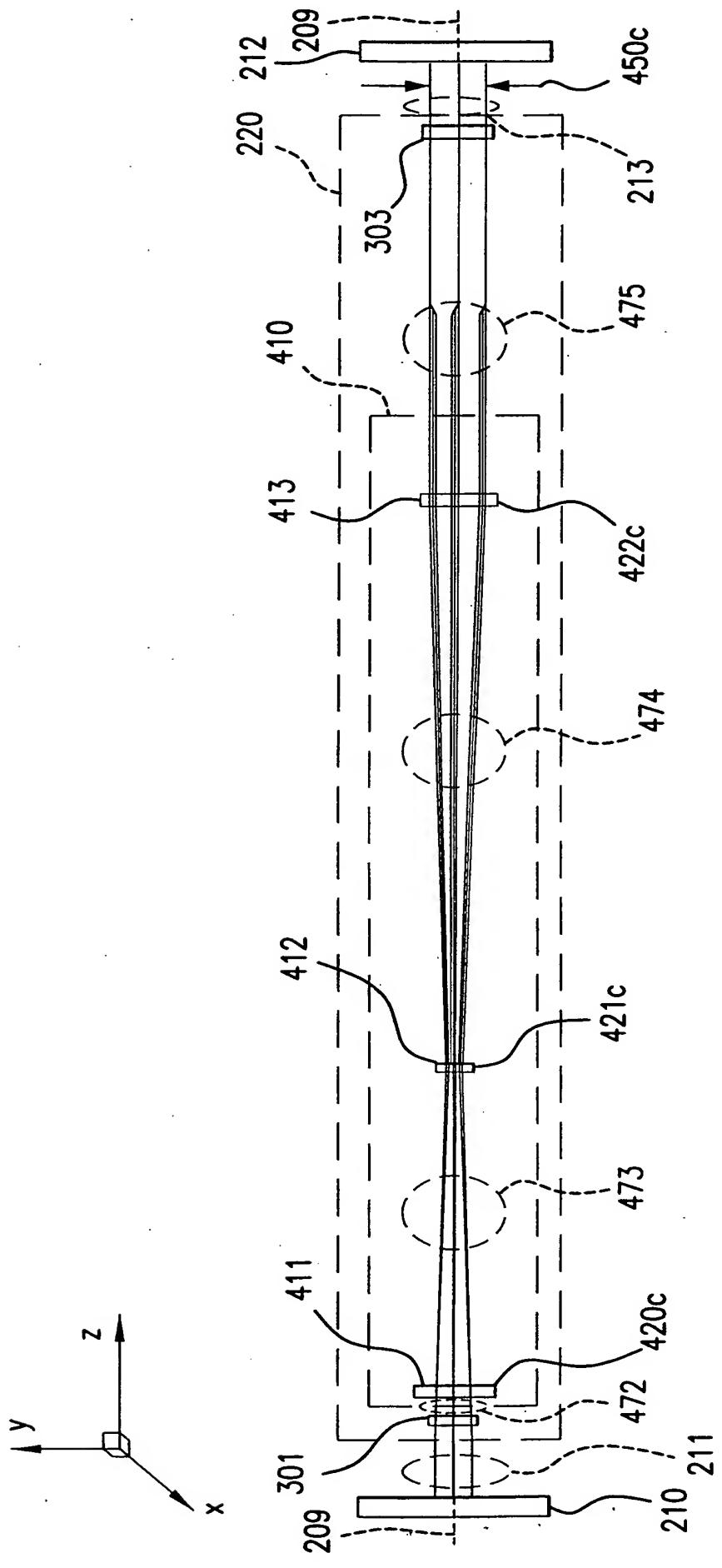


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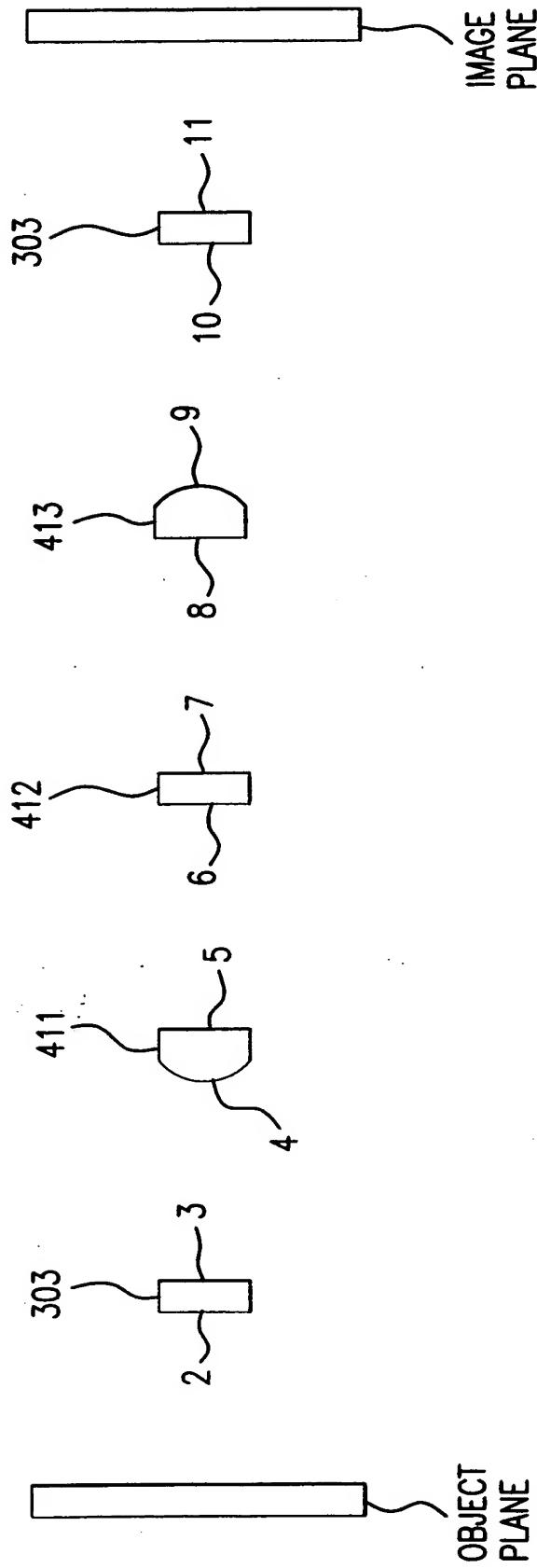


FIG. 4d